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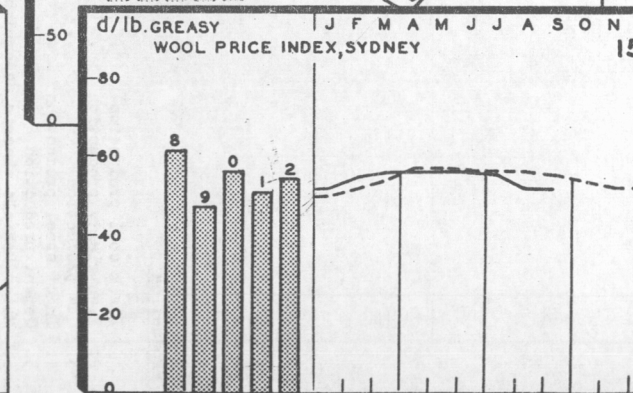
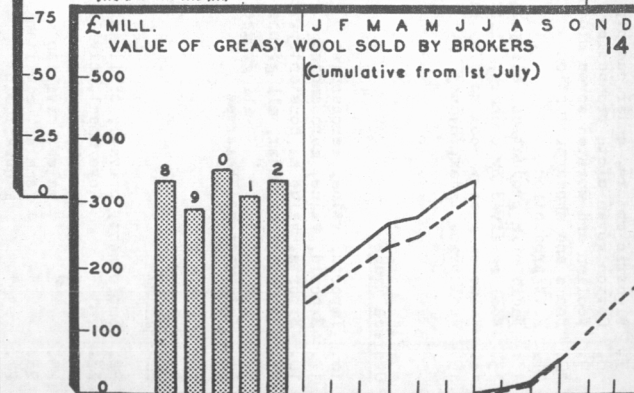
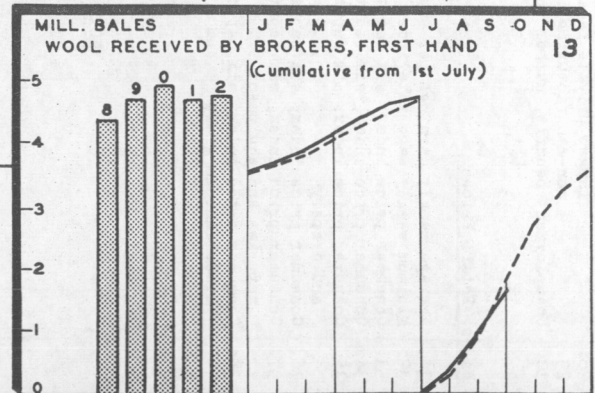
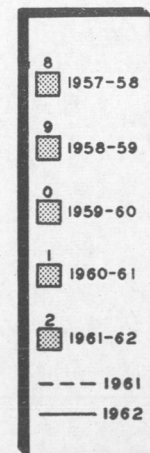
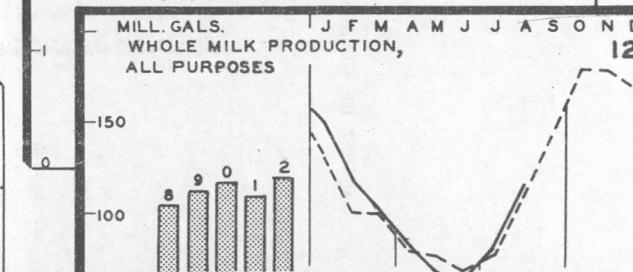
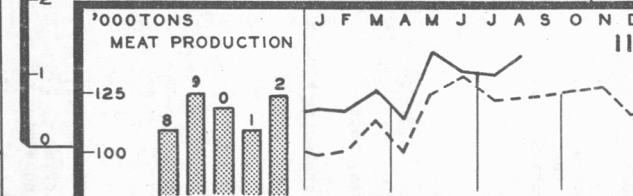
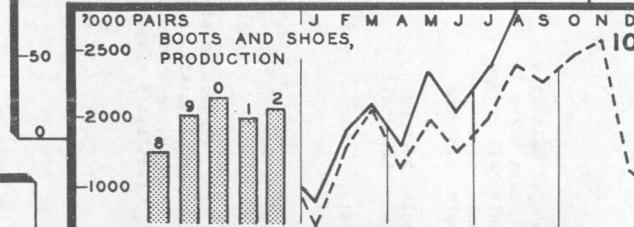
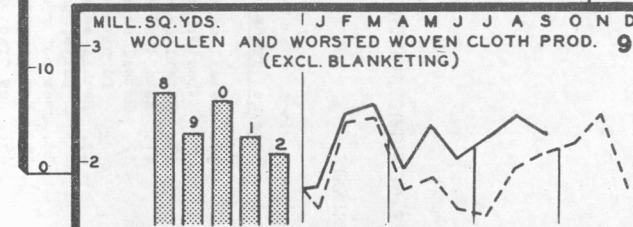
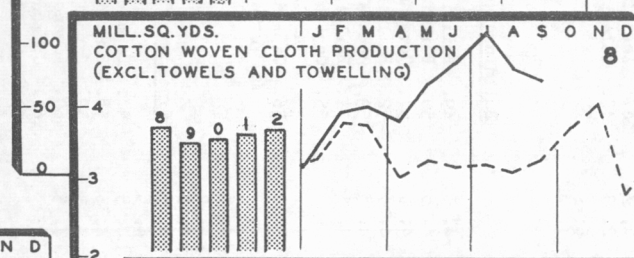
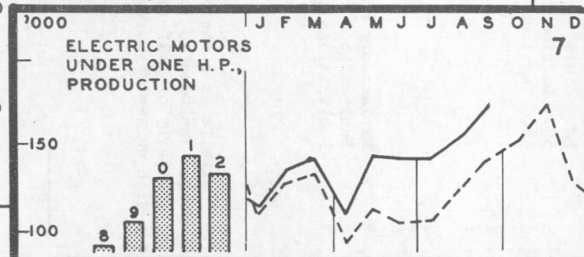
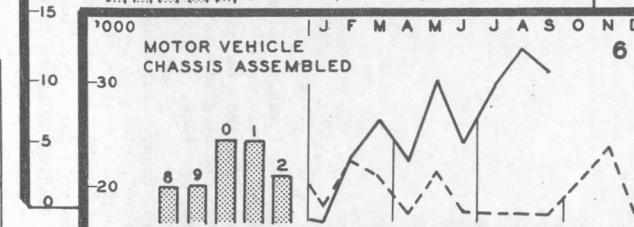
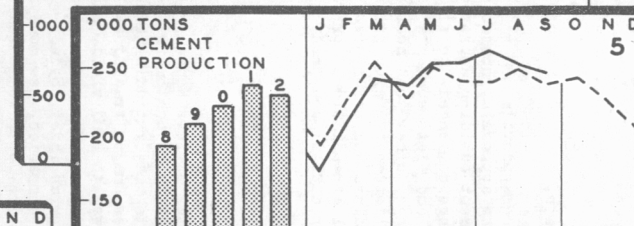
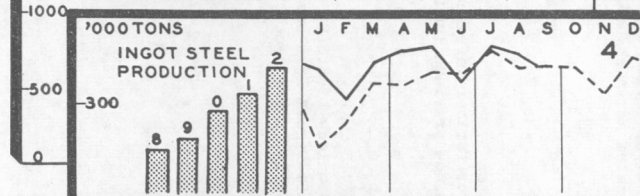
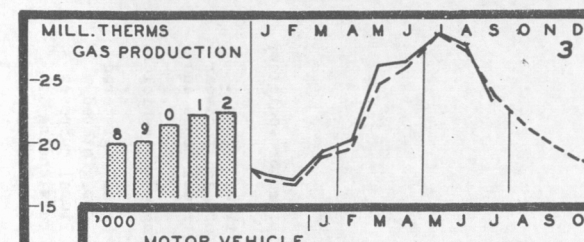
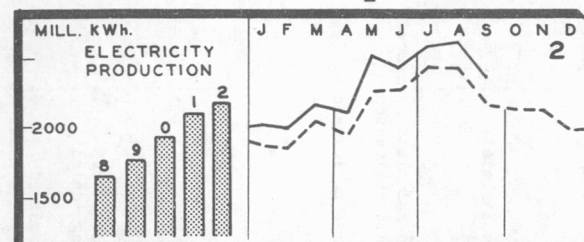
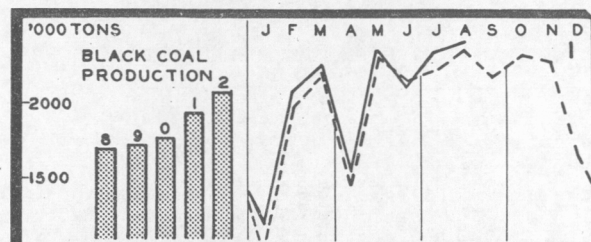
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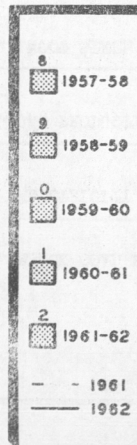
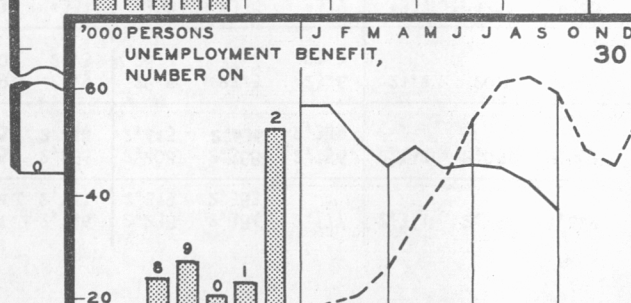
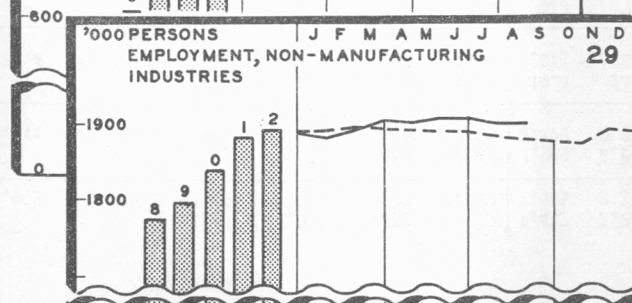
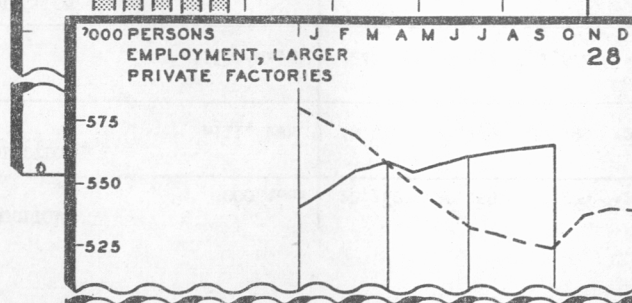
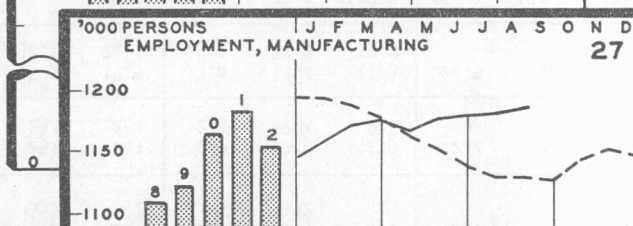
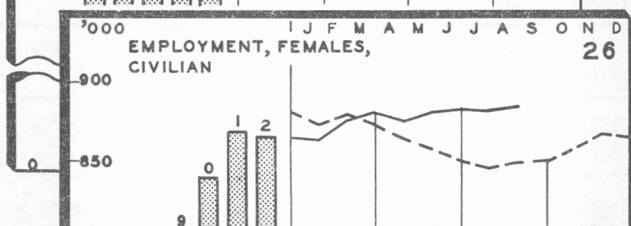
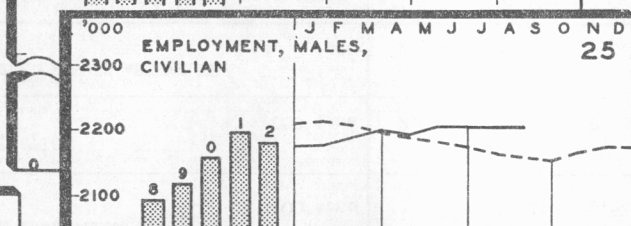
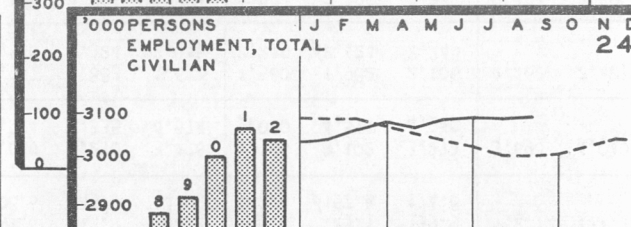
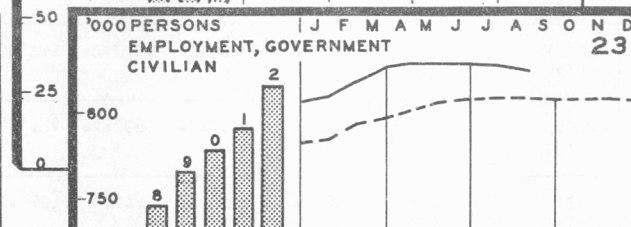
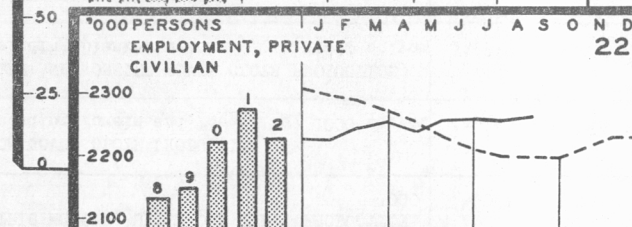
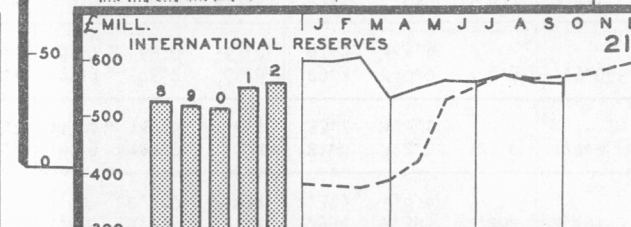
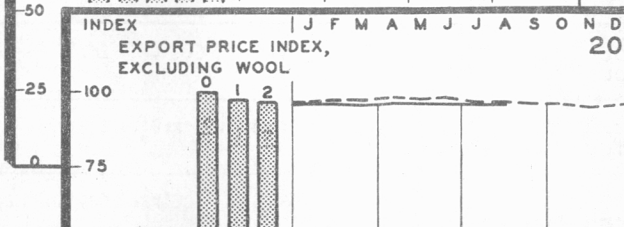
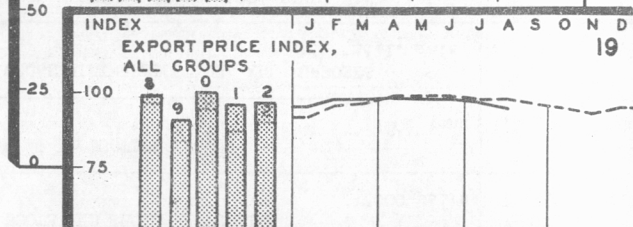
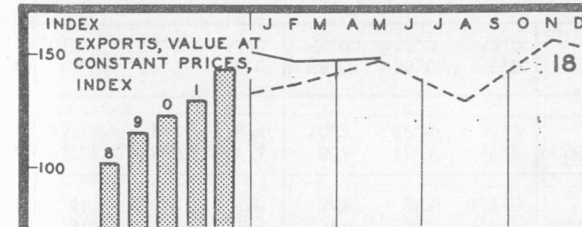
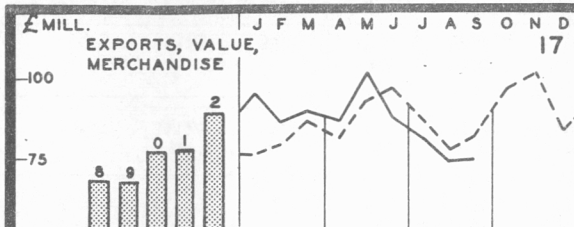
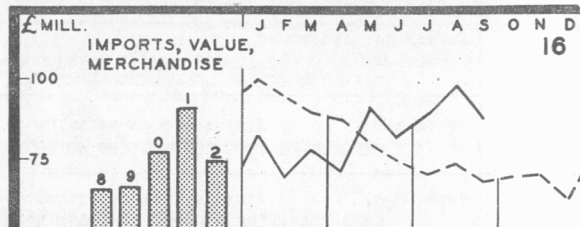
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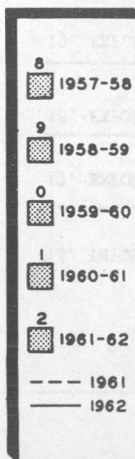
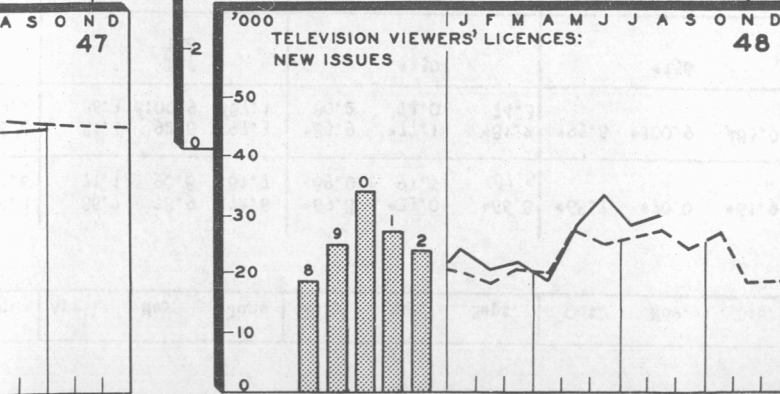
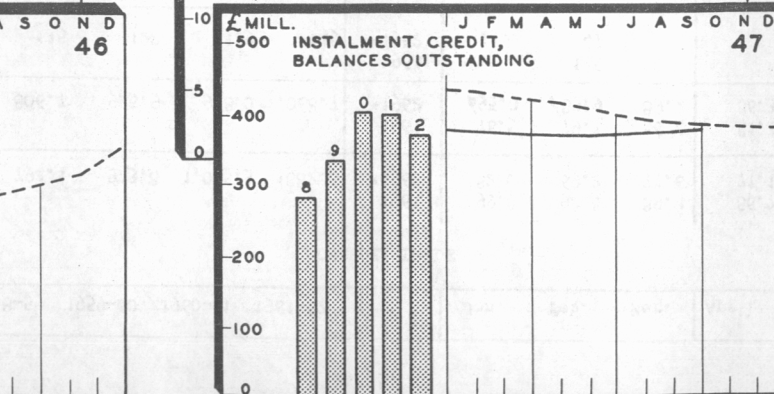
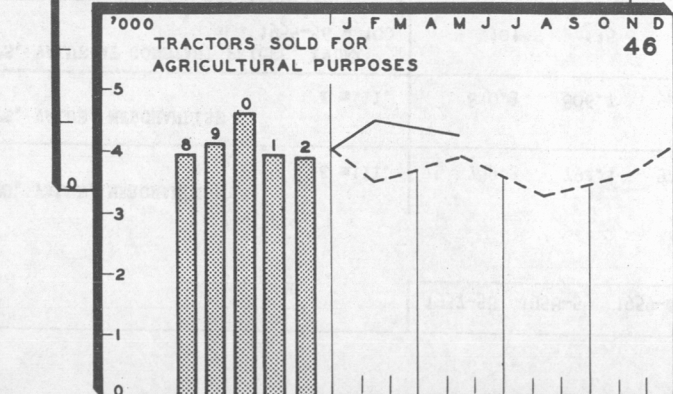
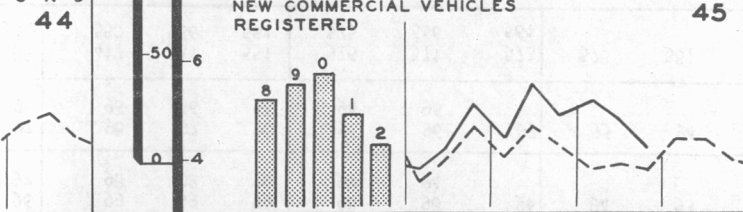
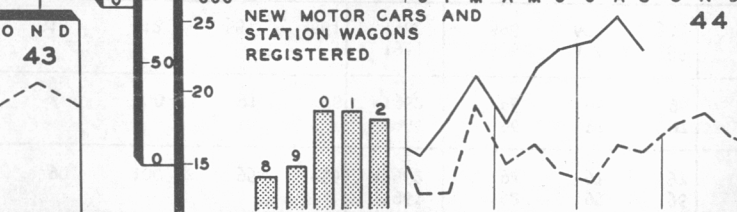
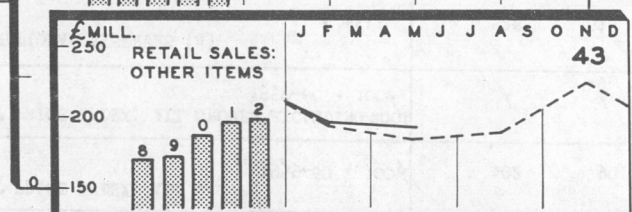
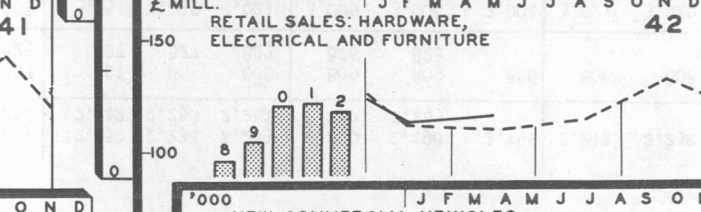
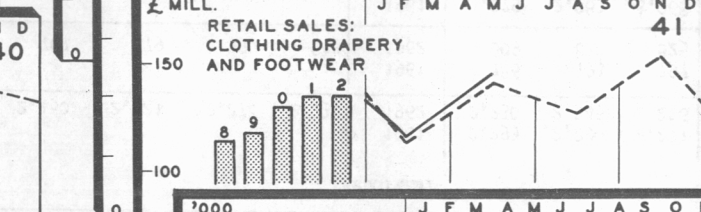
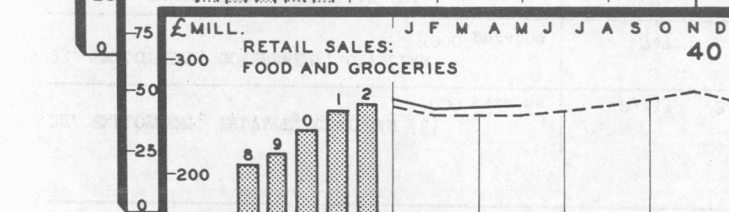
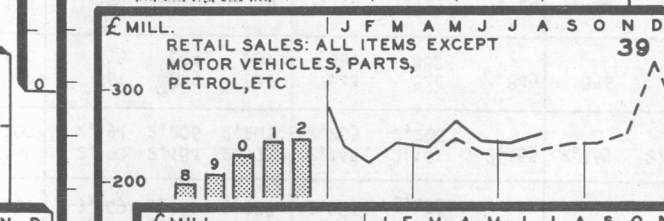
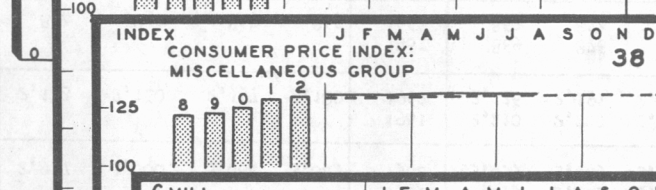
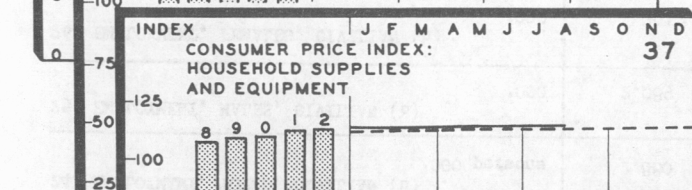
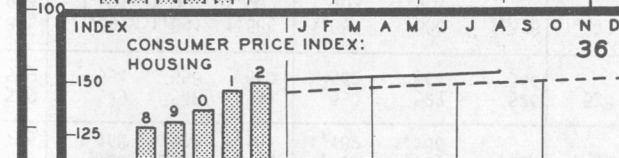
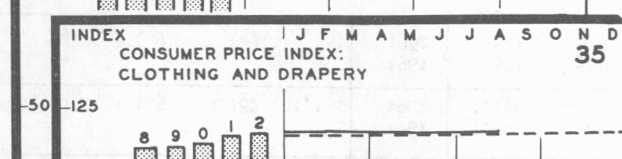
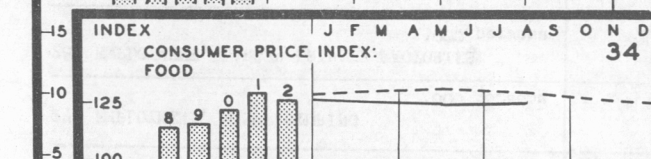
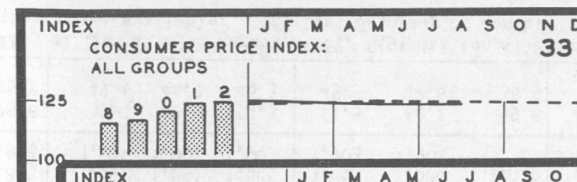
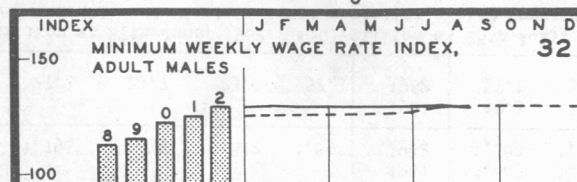
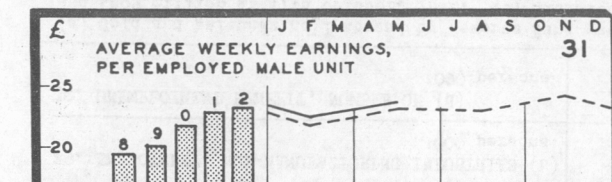
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PRODUCTION																			
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	20,362	20,459	21,223	*22,973	*24,588	*1961 *1962	1,001 1,223	1,953 2,082	2,180 2,269	1,437 1,525	2,291 2,324	2,146 2,111	2,238 2,319	2,384 2,383	2,177	2,311	2,297	1,649
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh.	19,796	21,199	23,199	*24,814	*26,450	*1961 *1962	1,873 2,017	1,859 1,986	2,048 2,195	1,949 2,109	2,285 2,515	2,266 2,448	2,408 2,615	2,388 2,636	2,156 2,349	2,132	2,094	2,002
3. GAS PRODUCTION	mill. therms	240.4	244.7	256.4	*263.6	*266.3	*1961 *1962	17.1 17.7	16.8 17.2	19.1 19.4	19.8 20.3	24.9 26.0	25.9 26.3	28.5 28.4	27.3 27.7	23.6 23.3	21.2	20.0	18.8
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION (a)	'000 tons	3,038	3,204	3,520	3,748	*4,062	1961 *1962	257 339	283 308	326 346	322 354	333 359	*331 327	*352 358	*338 352	*339 340	*337	*311	*348
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,291	2,481	2,632	*2,860	*2,781	*1961 *1962	193 175	228 207	256 244	231 237	251 254	243 254	242 269	249 254	239 248	244	229	207
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED	'000	239.6	241.1	292.9	*292.7	*256.1	*1961 *1962	18.2 16.5	22.4 22.9	21.3 26.4	17.4 22.6	21.5 30.1	17.5 24.1	17.4 29.2	17.4 32.9	17.3 30.9	20.5	23.5	17.4
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION	'000	1,066	1,271	1,583	*1,751	*1,610	*1961 *1962	110.5 113.6	126.8 136.3	133.5 141.2	91.6 108.6	113.7 145.5	104.2 141.9	105.6 142.4	125.1 157.4	139.9 174.8	152.1	171.7	128.4
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling)	'000 sq.yds	44,340	42,286	43,124	*43,695	*44,198	*1961 *1962	3,296 3,403	3,793 3,901	3,739 4,000	3,069 3,794	3,270 4,335	3,176 4,574	3,196 5,020	3,102 4,511	3,273 4,310	3,698	4,040	2,882
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Blanketing)	'000 sq.yds	31,719	27,265	30,235	*26,466	*25,069	*1961 *1962	1,637 1,810	2,346 2,435	2,388 2,496	1,777 1,938	1,883 2,324	1,612 2,045	1,560 1,219	1,982 2,424	2,106 2,248	2,162	2,423	1,788
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	21,395	24,062	25,629	*24,307	*24,999	*1961 *1962	1,219 1,405	1,791 1,923	2,068 2,101	1,658 1,807	1,995 2,340	1,784 2,034	1,994 2,375	2,395 2,816	2,282	2,491	2,590	1,637
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	1,314.5	1,500.6	1,425.7	*1,314.5	*1,492.9	*1961 *1962	99.3 118.8	101.6 117.2	112.9 127.7	101.5 113.4	123.9 142.6	132.4 134.4	121.8 133.7	122.3 141.2	123.0	127.2	128.6	115.9
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gals.	1,264	1,370	1,407	*1,339	*1,451	*1961 *1962	134.1 151.6	102.5 118.7	102.6 104.0	79.9 81.0	76.2 69.0	69.8 65.2	79.3 81.5	110.0 115.9	144.3	179.0	178.7	169.7
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July	'000 bales	4,353	4,735	4,926	4,715	4,798	1961 1962	3,657 3,681	3,821 3,863	4,101 4,156	4,316 4,418	4,559 4,640	4,715 4,798	311 348	912 923	1,837 1,718	2,741	3,312	3,555
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July	£ mill.	334.8	292.7	356.1	311.4	335.9	1961 1962	174.8 197.3	203.6 234.0	237.0 271.7	247.7 281.1	286.9 319.1	311.4 335.9	8.4 10.2	20.3 22.5	57.2 58.2	98.8	143.9	173.8
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY pence per lb. greasy		62.1	47.5	56.3	51.5	54.1	1961 1962	50.0 52.0	52.0 55.0	53.0 56.0	57.0 56.0	57.0 56.0	56.0 56.0	(b)56.0 55.0	56.0 *52.0	55.0 *52.0	53.0	52.0	52.0

(a) Annual figures shown are for twelve months ended 31st May. (b) Nominal. \* Preliminary. / Revised.



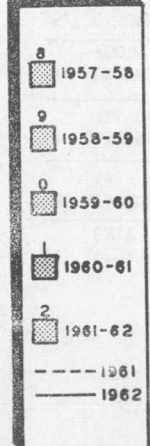
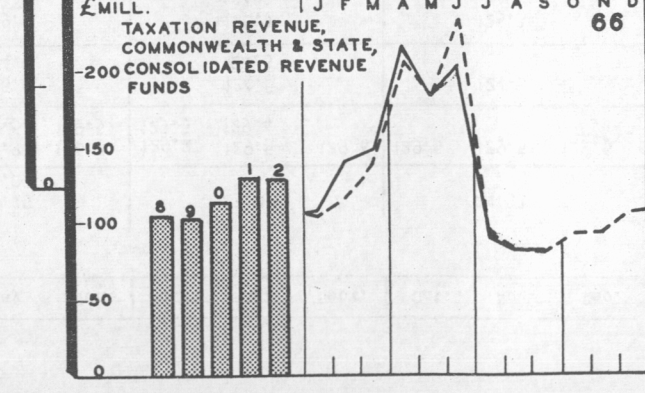
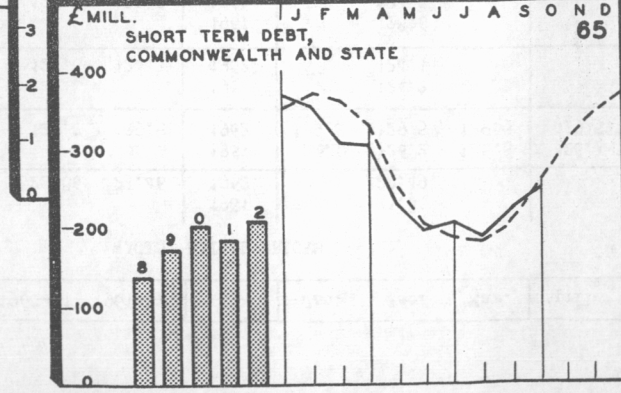
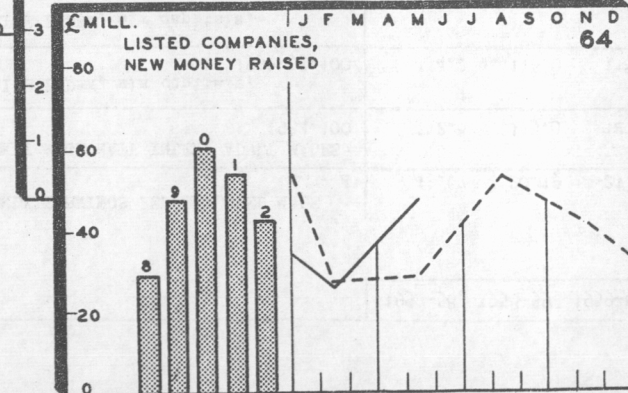
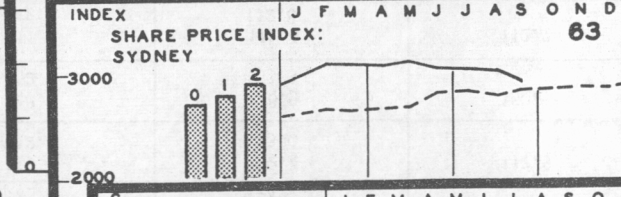
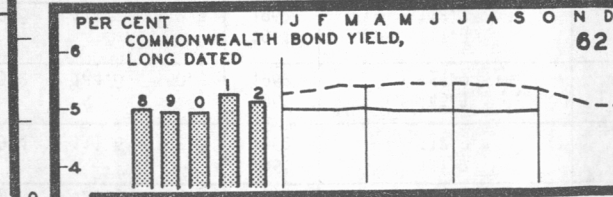
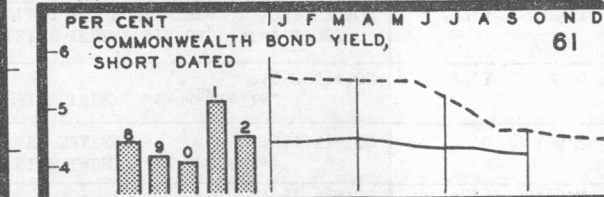
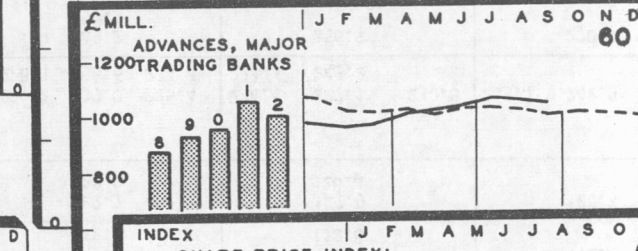
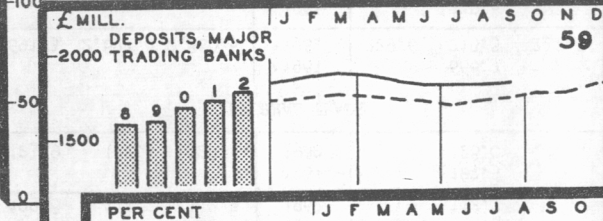
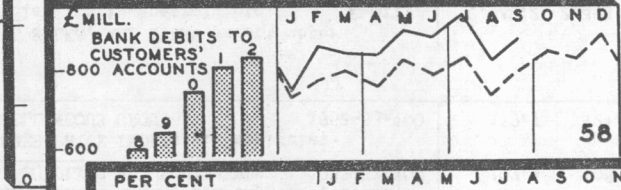
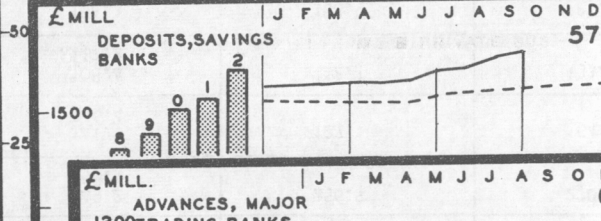
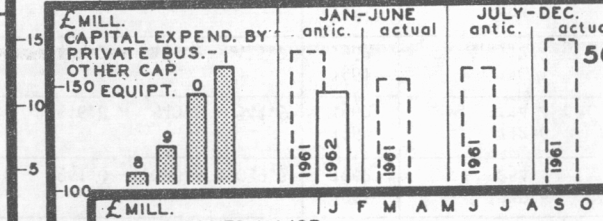
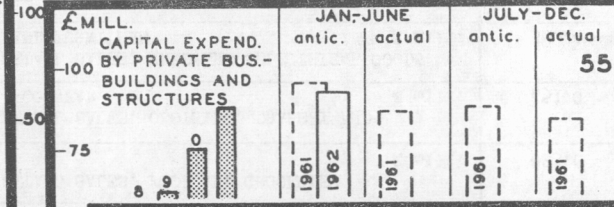
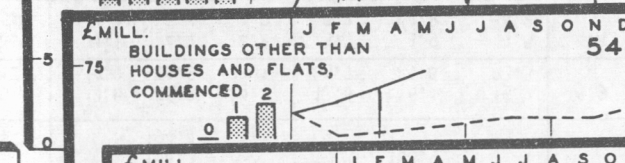
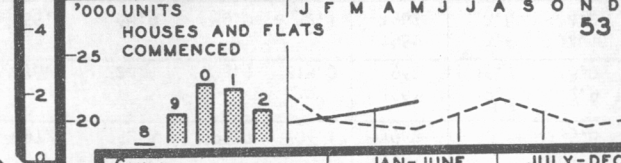
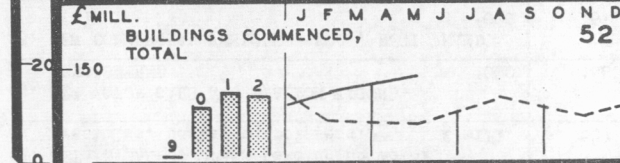
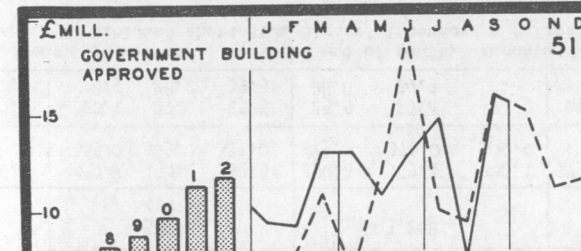
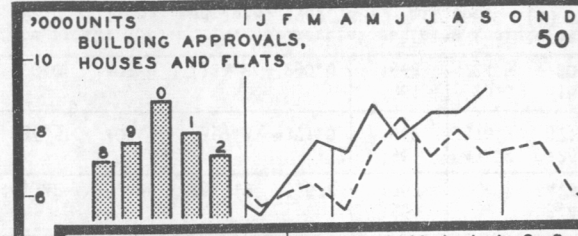
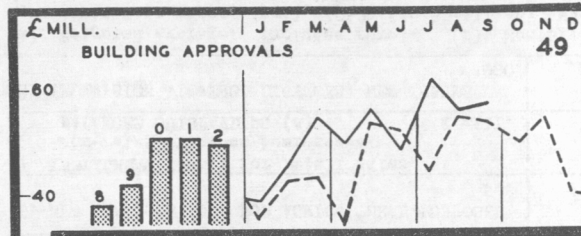
1957-58 1958-59 1959-60 1960-61 1961-62						Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
OVERSEA TRADE																	
16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE £ mill.	789.3	794.4	923.8	1,085.3	*882.6	1961 *1962	99.8 82.0	94.8 69.2	89.4 77.6	86.7 71.1	78.9 90.8	74.6 81.7	*69.8 89.0	*73.0 97.5	*66.8 87.5	*68.7	*70.0 *61.9
17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE £ mill.	810.3	806.7	925.9	928.0	*1,068.7	1961 *1962	76.5 95.0	79.1 85.9	86.4 89.2	81.4 86.3	92.6 100.9	97.3 87.1	*85.9 80.2	*77.1 74.0	*81.2 74.3	*95.6	*100.9 83.0
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX 1955-56 = 100	101	115	122	129	145	1961 *1962		136 147			147 148		*130			*156	
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS 1959-60 = 100	102	90	100	95	*96	1961 *1962	92 94	95 97	96 97	99 98	99 98	99 98	98 97	98 94	96	94	93 *94
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL 1959-60 = 100	✓	✓	100	97	96	1961 *1962	96 96	97 96	97 95	98 96	97 96	98 96	96 96	96 96	95	95	94 *95
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a) £ mill.	525	516	512	551	561	1961 1962	375 596	374 608	388 538	417 550	531 566	551 561	575 575	571 566	573 561	578	587 602
EMPLOYMENT																	
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (b) '000 persons	2,133	2,150	2,221	2,274	2,230	1961 1962	2,293 2,230	2,290 2,245	2,271 2,256	2,250 2,242	2,234 2,258	2,213 2,261	2,200 2,259	2,198 2,265	2,196	2,213	2,232 2,230
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN '000 persons	747	767	779	790	815	1961 1962	786 809	793 820	797 825	801 827	805 827	808 827	809 826	809 823	808	808	806
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL, CIVILIAN (b) '000 persons	2,880	2,917	3,000	3,064	3,045	1961 1962	3,079 3,039	3,083 3,065	3,068 3,081	3,051 3,069	3,039 3,085	3,021 3,088	3,009 3,085	3,008 3,088	3,004	3,021	3,040 3,036
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (b) '000	2,089	2,113	2,160	2,197	2,180	1961 1962	2,210 2,176	2,207 2,191	2,198 2,200	2,190 2,194	2,184 2,206	2,173 2,207	2,165 2,205	2,161 2,206	2,155	2,165	2,175 2,172
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (b) '000	791	804	840	867	865	1961 1962	869 863	876 874	870 880	861 875	855 879	848 881	844 880	846 882	849	856	865 864
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING '000 persons	1,106	1,121	1,165	1,182	1,154	1961 1962	1,190 1,156	1,187 1,169	1,173 1,175	1,160 1,168	1,148 1,178	1,136 1,181	1,128 1,182	1,127 1,186	1,126	1,144	1,151 1,146
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES '000 persons	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	1961 1962	573 547	569 554	559 559	549 554	542 558	533 560	530 562	527 564	526 566	538	541 541
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (b) '000 persons	1,774	1,796	1,835	1,882	1,891	1961 1962	1,889 1,883	1,896 1,896	1,895 1,905	1,891 1,901	1,891 1,907	1,885 1,907	1,881 1,903	1,880 1,902	1,878	1,877	1,889 1,890
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d) '000 persons	23.9	27.3	20.7	23.0	52.3	1961 1962	19.3 57.1	20.9 50.1	25.6 45.9	35.0 49.1	42.7 44.7	54.3 46.3	61.5 45.5	62.1 42.6	59.6 36.9	48.5	45.5 56.8

(a) Gold and balances held abroad by Reserve Bank were £496 million at 27th June, 1962, £507 million at 25th July, 1962, £499 million at 29th August, 1962, £491 million at 26th September, 1962 and £489 million at 17th October, 1962. (b) Excludes rural wage earners and female private domestics. (c) Comparable statistics not available. (d) Last Saturday of month. \* Preliminary.  
 ✓ Revised. ✗ Not available. ✗ New index.



	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	£	19.67	20.19	21.76	22.86	23.46	1961 1962	21.81 22.49			23.15 24.00		23.03			24.33		
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954=100		112.8	115.3	121.3	125.7	129.5	1961 1962	126.0 129.6	126.2 129.5	126.3 129.5	126.3 129.5	126.7 129.5	126.7 129.5	129.2 129.5	129.5 129.4	129.6	129.5	129.5 129.5
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53=100		114.2	116.0	118.9	123.8	124.3	1961 1962	124.2 124.1			125.0 124.0		124.8 124.3			124.3		
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53=100		113.3	115.4	119.8	127.7	125.5	1961 1962	128.6 124.7			129.4 123.7		128.1 124.2			125.3		
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53=100		107.0	108.2	109.4	111.6	112.8	1961 1962	111.7 112.9			112.4 112.9		112.4 113.0			112.9		
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53=100		127.3	130.6	135.2	144.8	150.7	1961 1962	145.7 151.0			148.0 152.6		148.5 153.3			150.5		
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53=100		107.5	108.7	109.8	111.2	112.7	1961 1962	111.3 112.7			111.9 112.8		112.6 112.8			112.7		
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53=100		119.7	121.2	123.9	127.3	128.1	1961 1962	127.5 128.0			127.7 128.2		127.9 128.4			128.3		
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.	£ mill.	2,342.2	2,453.5	2,691.3	2,821.8	2,860.5	*1961 *1962	666.7 215.5	231.7	(b) 220.2 228.1	239.0 253.6	226.4 234.4	224.4 234.1	227.1 243.2	232.8	233.7	242.9	306.7
40. RETAIL SALES, FOOD AND GROCERIES	£ mill.	823.6	870.0	941.0	1,008.3	1,039.3	1961 1962	249.6 254.4			249.2 258.1		256.7			270.1		
41. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY AND FOOTWEAR	£ mill.	451.0	469.6	516.8	540.6	541.9	1961 1962	112.6 114.4			141.7 146.4		127.1			154.5		
42. RETAIL SALES, HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FURNITURE	£ mill.	380.4	416.8	481.2	479.2	475.2	1961 1962	110.1 112.2			108.4 117.2		112.1			133.7		
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	£ mill.	687.2	697.1	752.3	793.7	804.1	1961 1962	194.4 195.8			186.3 194.4		188.9			225.0		
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	166.2	176.3	224.1	223.1	215.9	1961 1962	12.7 15.7	12.9 18.0	19.0 21.2	14.8 17.7	16.3 21.9	14.2 23.1	13.6 23.7	16.1 25.6	15.7 23.3	17.9	18.4 16.6
45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, ETC., REGISTERED (c)	'000	61.8	66.3	68.9	59.0	52.1	1961 1962	3.6 3.8	4.1 4.2	4.7 5.1	4.1 4.4	4.7 5.5	4.2 4.9	3.7 5.2	3.9 4.9	3.8 4.2	4.4	4.4 4.0
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	15,726	16,342	18,425	15,719	15,632	1961 1962	3,466 4,456			3,916 4,271		3,268			3,637		
47. INSTALLMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (d)	£ mill.	280.7	336.5	403.3	397.3	*371.0	1961 *1962	434.2 376.3	425.2 371.8	416.7 369.3	410.7 369.0	404.7 369.0	397.3 371.0	390.3 375.0	385.4 376.0	382.1 380.0	379.7	379.5 379.3
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES	'000	224.1	300.0	403.8	323.2	290.8	1961 1962	20.0 24.5	18.4 20.7	20.5 (e) 22.2	20.1 18.9	27.2 28.2	25.5 33.5	25.9 28.8	27.4 29.9	24.5	27.4	18.8 18.8

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Monthly series from April, 1961. (c) Commercial vehicles include utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: April, 1962, £18.5 million; May, 1962, £22.8 million; and June, 1962, £22.1 million. (e) From March, 1962 excludes short-term hirers' licences. \* Preliminary.  
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		1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BUILDING, ETC.																			
49. BUILDING APPROVALS	£ mill.	445.7	495.8	603.7	602.1	586.0	1961 1962	34.6 38.7	41.4 44.8	43.6 53.9	33.2 49.5	53.1 55.7	51.9 48.0	43.7 62.5	54.6 55.8	53.2 56.5	49.7	54.2	40.0
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	84.3	90.0	103.8	93.6	84.8	1961 1962	5.6 5.4	6.0 6.5	6.3 7.5	5.4 7.2	7.2 8.5	8.1 7.5	7.0 8.3	7.7 8.2	7.0 9.0	7.2	7.4	5.9
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	£ mill.	95.6	103.9	115.8	133.9	140.7	1961 1962	5.7 9.3	9.5 9.1	10.9 13.0	6.4 13.1	11.8 10.7	19.4 12.8	9.9 14.8	9.2 7.6	16.0 16.1	15.1	11.1	11.4
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	£ mill.	380.5	432.4	523.9	552.0	543.8	1961 1962		125.2 136.7			124.3 145.8		134.7			126.6		
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	73.3	81.7	91.3	88.9	82.5	1961 1962		20.1 20.4			19.2 21.4		21.5			19.2		
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	£ mill.	151.4	177.6	231.3	252.8	263.7	1961 1962		57.9 67.0			59.9 72.9		62.3			61.5		
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	£ mill.	119.6	123.0	152.1	177.1		1961 1962	(95.4 anticipated) (92.8 anticipated)					86.7 actual			(87.7 anticipated)		83.1 actual	
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	£ mill.	214.2	242.3	294.4	315.9		1961 1962	(166.5 anticipated) (147.1 anticipated)					151.2 actual			(157.0 anticipated)		170.2 actual	
FINANCE																			
57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	£ mill.	1,297	1,391	1,523	1,578	1,735	1961 1962	1,564 1,655	1,561 1,665	1,552 1,670	1,549 1,664	1,548 1,679	1,578 1,735	1,595 1,756	1,609 1,789	1,625 1,807	1,635	1,644	1,651
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b)	£ mill.	593	637	747	804	824	1961 1962	721 748	769 856	796 834	757 830	815 896	782 875	820 931	730 819	789 871	833	816	881
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	1,596	1,603	1,708	1,729	1,807	1961 1962	1,730 1,857	1,760 1,887	1,771 1,895	1,758 1,883	1,722 1,843	1,715 1,824	1,701 1,823	1,711 1,822	1,728 1,827	1,766	1,790	1,824
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	882	930	952	1,050	1,002	1961 1962	1,059 977	1,030 965	1,012 972	1,017 1,009	1,010 1,022	1,020 1,031	1,035 1,061	1,015 1,052	1,001 1,046	1,007	999	992
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent.	4.38	4.16	4.01	5.06	4.45	1961 1962	5.50 4.35	5.49 4.39	5.46 4.39	5.46 4.38	5.43 4.31	5.23 4.30	4.93 4.30	4.60 4.26	4.59 4.25	4.46	4.38	4.36
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED	per cent.	4.99	4.94	4.91	5.21	5.06	1961 1962	5.34 4.94	5.38 4.94	5.35 4.95	5.36 4.93	5.36 4.93	5.36 4.93	5.34 4.90	5.35 4.91	5.33 4.94	5.13	4.99	4.98
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		1,836	1,966	2,718	2,787	2,949	1961 1962	2,615 2,969	2,656 3,122	2,631 3,113	2,665 3,072	2,682 3,143	2,794 3,037	2,799 3,030	2,782 3,011	2,809 2,907	2,829	2,857	2,857
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	£ mill.	113.5	188.2	242.2	215.4	*169.2	1961 1962		28.1 25.9			28.4 *48		53.0			42.3		
65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE (d)	£ mill.	140	171	201	186	208	1961 1962	367 354	361 306	330 305	249 226	200 194	186 208	181 187	208 226	263 249	310	340	363
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated Revenue Funds	£ mill.	1,250	1,225	1,360	1,543	1,539	1961 1962	104.5 108.1	119.3 139.8	138.1 147.7	203.9 214.5	187.2 183.0	236.3 201.5	93.8 89.5	81.7 81.6	78.2 *81.5	90.6	93.5	106.6

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period.  
 \* Preliminary. ρ Revised.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 11.

Item		Publication Reference No. (Page 11).	Item		Publication Reference No. (Page 11).
1.	.. .. .	19	33-38.	Consumer Price Index :- New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin, 891.	5
2.	Total generated, including electricity not for sale .. .. .	19	39-43.	Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	8
3.	Total produced in gas works .. .. .	19	44-45.	Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services.	26, 27
4.	Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May. .. .. .	19	46.	Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.	7
5.	Portland cement. .. .. .	19, 25	47.	Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries.	28
6.	Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such. .. .. .	19, 21	48.	.. .. .	16
7.	Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. .. .. .	19, 20	49-50.	Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.	11
8.	Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. .. .. .	19, 22	51.	Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.	11
9.	Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. .. .. .	19, 23	52.	Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. .. .. .	3
10.	Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots. .. .. .	19, 24	53.	Excludes conversions to flats. .. .. .	3, 4
11.	In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. .. .. .	15	54.	See 52 above. .. .. .	3
12.	.. .. .	12	55-56.	Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2
13.	Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. .. .. .	-	57.	Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. .. .. .	29, 30
14.	The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. .. .. .	-	58.	Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank. .. .. .	9
15.	Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of grease wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. .. .. .	17	59-60.	Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	9, 10
16-17.	Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment. .. .. .	18	61-62.	Theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 2/- in the pound. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank. .. .. .	16
18.	The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56. .. .. .	1	63.	Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. .. .. .	16, 17
19-20.	New index (see Statistical Bulletin S.B. 134 of 8th October, 1962). .. .. .	14	64.	Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issue of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	6
21.	Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. .. .. .	-	65.	Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. All figures at end of period.	16
22,24-26.	Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. .. .. .	13	66.	Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Fund, e.g. motor taxes.	-
23.	Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. .. .. .	13			
27.	Figures for periods to June, 1961 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns and returns of Government employment. .. .. .	13			
28.	Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. .. .. .	13			
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30.	Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. .. .. .	13			
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